

TRIO User's Guide

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These regulations will refer you to other regulations that include the definitions of terms and/or other applicable rules for your programs. The CFR via GPO Access is particularly useful for locating this information. In addition, if a link does not work or has not yet been updated at the ED site, you can go directly to CFR online for the information you need. Regulations are available as a text document, a PDF application, or a text summary.

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- ❑ **Locate a regulation by the citation number.** Select 'Retrieve CFR sections by citation.' Enter the title, part and section or subpart of your citation in the boxes indicated. For example, most TRIO regulations refer to 34 CFR 77.1 This means Title 34, Part 77, Section 1. Then, select your desired format and click 'Retrieve.'

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